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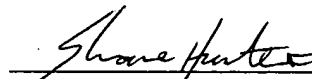
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- ☒ Preliminary Amendment;
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$117.00 (10995) for extra claims fee; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

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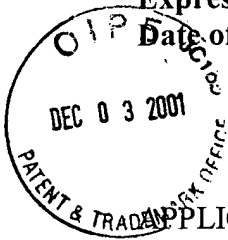
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to any action by the Examiner, please cancel claims 1-2 and add claims 3-33 as follows.

In the claims:

3. (New) A method of providing compensation information over a communication network, the method comprising:

prompting, over the communication network, a user to select an indication of a job from a plurality of job categories;

receiving, over the communication network, a selection by the user of a job category;

retrieving, from a database containing compensation information associated with jobs, desired compensation information corresponding to the selection by the user of the job category; and

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